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SUBJ: PREMIER DAVIS ADDRESS AT BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY BEING
DISTRIBUTED EXTENSIVELY IN U.S.

1. PREMIER WILLIAM DAVIS OF ONTARIO DELIVERED THE HAWKINS LECTURE AT BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA ON FRIDAY MARCH 10. ACCORDING TO THE PREMIER'S OFFICE, HE WAS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY SPEAKER DEFENDING CONFEDERATION IN A THREE DAY CONFERENCE ON CANADA "HEAVILY LOADED TO THE P.Q. VIEW." THE QUEBEC DELEGATION ALLEGEDLY INCLUDED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND A HEAVY REPRESENTATION ON THE CULTURAL SIDE.

2. A MAJOR EXCERPT FROM THE PREMIER'S SPEECH NOTES WAS CARRIED OPPOSITE THE EDITORIAL PAGE IN THE MARCH 13 GLOBE AND MAIL. THE EXCERPT EMPHASIZED THE THRUST OF THE ADDRESS, THE PROBLEM OF KEEPING CANADA TOGETHER IN THE CONTEXT OF COMPARISON OF FACTORS WITH THOSE OF U.S. ORGANIZATION AND HISTORY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE PREMIER'S OFFICE THAT THE PROVINCE HAS MADE EXTENSIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SPEECH
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TO CONTACTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS REQUESTED COPIES OF THE SPEECH NOTES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ITS OWN CONTACTS. COPIES OF THE SPEECH NOTES ARE BEING SENT TO ADDRESS-
EES.

4. DAVIS WILL BE SPEAKING IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN

FRANCISCO ALONG SIMILAR LINES AT THE END OF MARCH.
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